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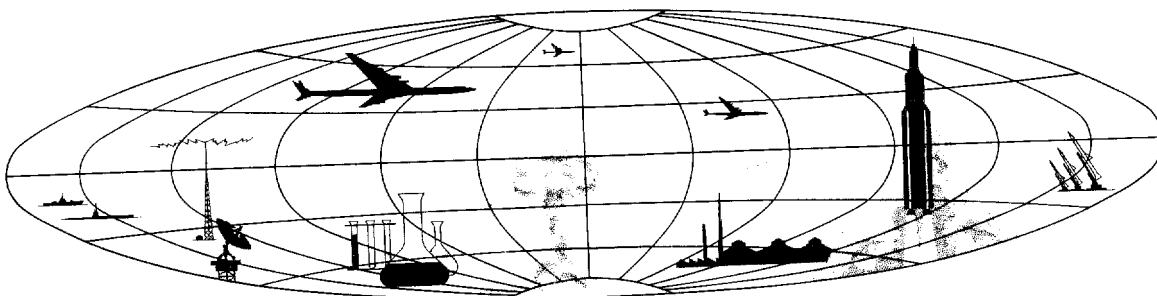
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Launch Area No 1 (TDI name: Znamensk Launch Site 1) -- Type I 54-33-00N 21-11-00E BE

Launch Area No 2 (TDI name: Znamensk Launch Site 2) -- Type I 54-35-00N 21-08-00E BE

Znamensk Fixed Field Site (TDI name: Pravdinsk SSM Fixed Field Position) 54-23-00N 20-59-00E BE No

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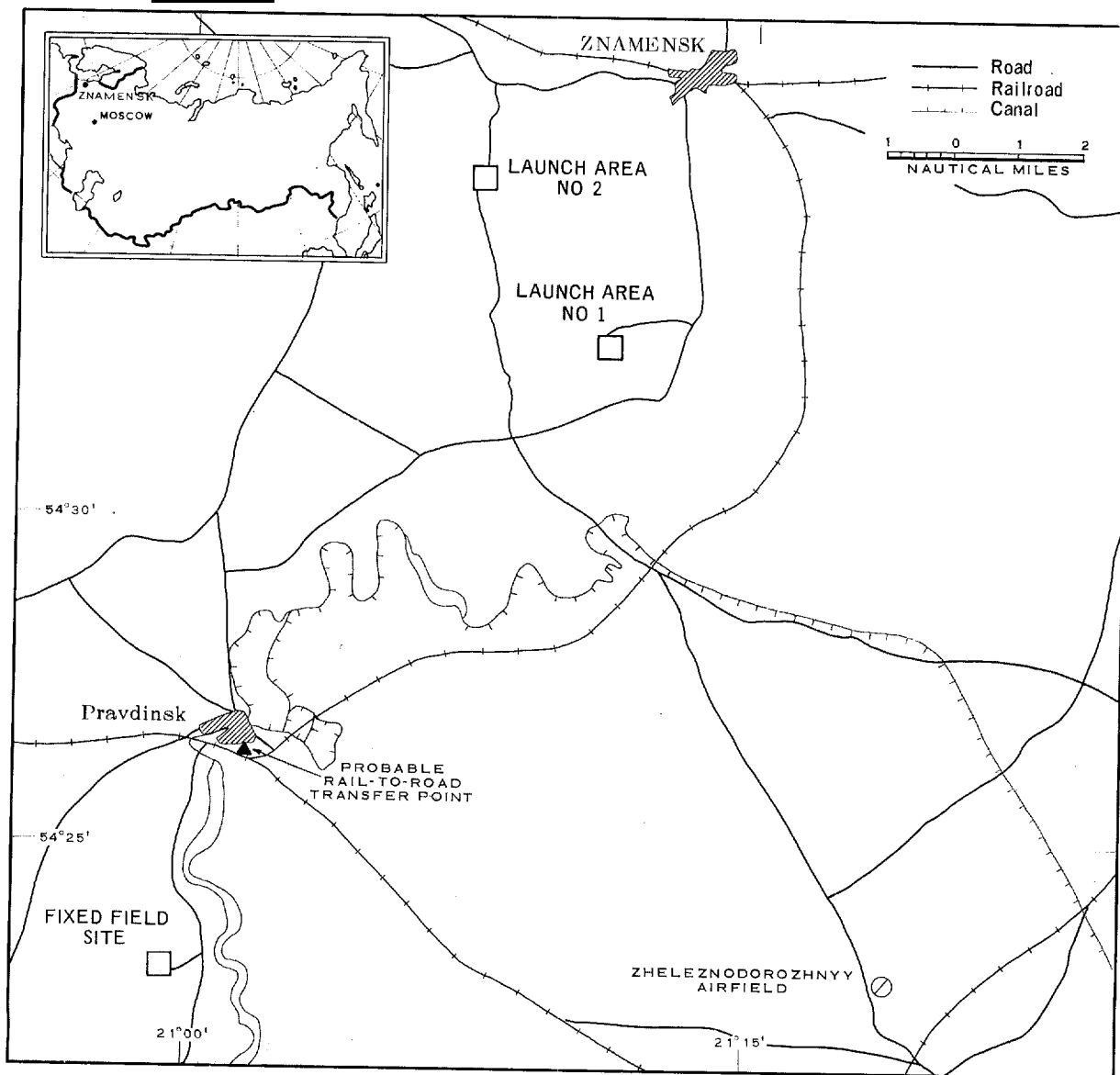


FIGURE 1. ZNAMENSK MRBM COMPLEX.

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This report supplements NPIC/R-108/64, 1/ which discusses the Znamensk MRBM Complex (Figure 1), previously consisting of two Type I launch areas, together with a probable rail-to-road transfer point.

The Znamensk Fixed Field Site is located on level terrain in a forest approximately 4 nautical miles (nm) south of Pravdinsk in the Baltic USSR. The earliest photographic coverage of the site was in [REDACTED]. On prior coverage of [REDACTED] the site was not present. The presence of erectors on the pads on [REDACTED] photography indicates that the fixed field site was serviceable when first observed.

Launch Areas No 1 and 2 were observed as complete on [REDACTED] coverage (Mission [REDACTED] and are located 8.6 nm and 12 nm, respectively, north-northeast of the site.

The fixed field site (Figure 2) consists of three elongated padlike clearings in a row arranged on three interconnected loop roads.

On Mission [REDACTED] photography a probable erector and an associated ready tent or building 105 by 20 feet were visible with each padlike clearing. In addition, a small object was seen a short distance east of each of the padlike clearings, which are oriented on an approximate 215-degree azimuth and have 500- and 580-foot separations. East of the padlike clearings 1,200 feet and connected to them by road are three clearings, two of which contain unidentified objects.

Photography of [REDACTED] showed erectors on all four pads of Launch Area No 2, possibly on one pad of Launch Area No 1, and on all three padlike clearings at the Pravdinsk fixed field site. Mission [REDACTED] again disclosed erectors on all four pads of Launch Area No 2, none on Launch Area No 1, and three erectors on the padlike clearings of the fixed field site. Erectors or objects were apparent on all pads at Launch Areas No 1 and 2 on Mission [REDACTED] and

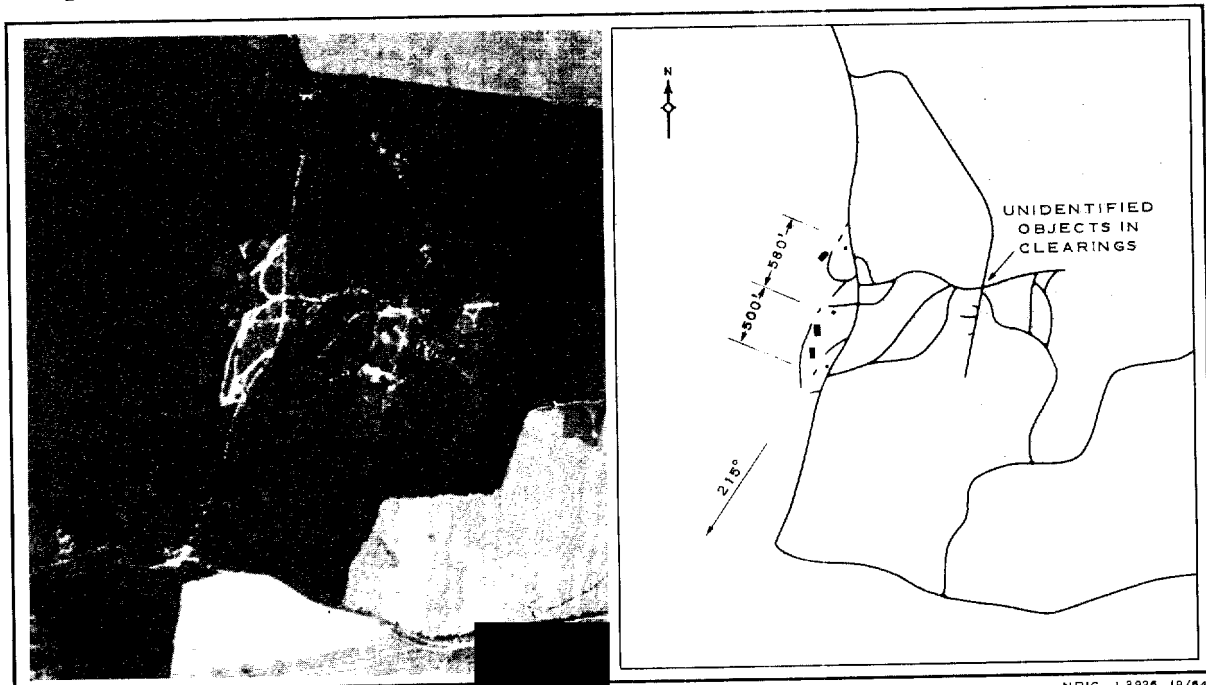


FIGURE 2. ZNAMENSK FIXED FIELD SITE.

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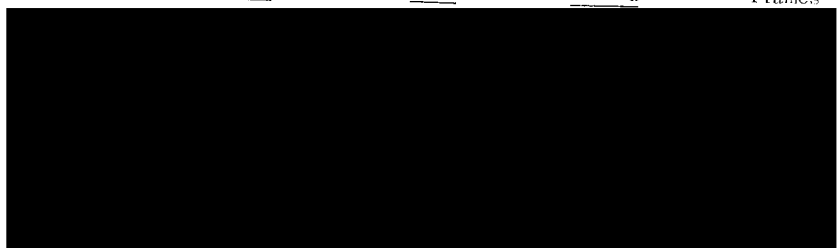
no longer present at the fixed field site. The absence of erectors and activity at Launch Area No 1 during the period that erectors or objects were present at the fixed field site indicates the possibility that troops assigned to Launch Area No 1 were undergoing a training exercise at the fixed field site.

A probable rail-to-road transfer point for Launch Areas No 1 and 2 is a Znamensk rail-yard 16 nm north-northwest of the fixed field site. The rail siding at Pravdinsk, 3.7 nm to the north, is probably utilized by the site. An improved road leads from the site to the rail siding.

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